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Coed Applications for Entry Pour Into 'New' St. Joseph's

by Jerry Mauch

During the past week applications have been pouring in to the office of the Registrar from girls desiring to enter St. Joe next September. One interesting fact noted from the trend of these applications is that a good majority of the girls who are applying are transfer students with credits already earned at other colleges. Applications for freshman year are at a minimum.

Out of approximately 750 applications already received, some 175 have been for the freshman year and 575 have been for the other three years. Announced plans for next year show that 150 freshmen girls will be admitted, 125 sophomores, 75 juniors and only 50 seniors.

Since the new arrangement was only announced to the midwestern states in the past week, most of the girls desiring admission have been from nearby colleges.

Sending the largest number of applications to St. Joe was Xavier college of Chicago. A total of 109 girls applied from this school consisting of 49 for senior year, 41 for junior year and 19 for their sophomore year.

Next in the number of applications was the college of St. Francis, at Joliet, Ill. From this school

Kathy Sloan and Nancy Landrith of St. Xavier wade through St. Joe red tape during an Easter vacation visit to the Registrar's office.

78 applied, consisting of 32 seniors, 15 juniors and 31 sophomores. Following St. Francis of Joliet closely was St. Francis college of Fort Wayne, Ind. At last count 72 had applied from the school—15 seniors, 29 juniors and 28 sophomores.

Some of the other schools comprising the remaining 223 transfer applications were Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio, Alverno, Cardinal Stritch, Mount Mary, Our Lady of Cincinnati, Nazareth, Mercy, Marian, Aquinas college, Mundelein, St. Mary's of Notre Dame and St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

Larger colleges also had girls applying at St. Joe. A few of these were Illinois, Loyola, Indiana, De Paul, Marquette, Detroit and Miami of Ohio.

Of the 175 high school seniors applying for their freshman year at St. Joe, a surprisingly large number of 58 came from schools in Ohio, with 23 girls from Regina high school of Cincinnati applying.

Applications for admission to the college will be open until June 10, when the task of selecting will begin. Girls will be chosen mainly according to their character, assuming that all who apply will be in good academic standing at their respective schools. Credits will be accepted as far as possible from any accredited school.

Begin Building 2 New Halls To Hold Coeds

Construction of two new residence halls to accomodate 240 of the 400 coeds entering St. Joseph's next fall will begin in approximately one week. The building program will be greatly accelerated to make the halls ready for occupancy by September.

Closely resembling the two newest men's residence halls, Gallagher and Halas, the proposed buildings will be located on the western portion of the campus between Noll and Bennett halls. This space was originally set off for construction of a Union building but these plans were quickly changed when the administration voted to make St. Joseph's a coed college.

Building plans have been drawn up by the same firm which drew up the plans for the men's halls with the only significant change being made in the heating unit which will be electric.

Housing approximately 120 girls apiece, the two structures will be built of red brick with a full-width window in every room. Women's powder rooms will be situated at the center of each floor in much the same location as the men's shower rooms in Gallagher and Halas halls.

Each room will house two students, as do most campus rooms, with the only difference being that these rooms will contain two twin beds instead of the familiar bunk beds in the men's halls.

Maid service for the girls' rooms will be provided if desired, but such service will require an increase in board costs for the individual so desiring.

At one end of each of the three floors of the structures will be an exercise room fully equipped with paddle bicycles, rowing machines and other types of reducing material. Floors in these rooms will be covered with two-inch pads to eliminate injuries.

Names for the new halls have not yet been determined but they will be dedicated to women who have been outstanding in affecting the college's decision to admit coeds on campus.

Those girls attending St. Joseph's who are not provided rooms in the two halls will be accomodated in Rensselaer with bus service to and from campus, unless the former nun's home can be provided for some of them.

Name Changes In SJ Courses

Due to the new additions in the student body, the office of the Registrar has announced the following course changes which will go into effect in the coming fall semester.

First of all, an entirely new department will be inaugerated under the title of home economics. It was announced that Miss Skinner, M.S., will head this new department. When asked what courses will be taught under her department, Miss Skinner indicated that such courses as textiles, food for homemakers, principles and techniques of food preparation, experimental cookery and weaving are planned so far.

Plans have also been made to extend the department of business administration. Courses leading to a certificate in secretarial science will be introduced under this department. Some of the additional courses to be offered are: typewriting, both beginning and advanced, shorthand, dictation and transcription, and organization of business.

At the same time as the above announcements were made, it was also made public that one of the chemistry labs on the third floor of the Science building is scheduled to be converted into a kitchen for the use of the home economics department. The remodeling will begin on or before June 10 of this year and the job should be completed by August 15.

Other changes will be made before registration begins for the fall semester, but the various departments have not yet announced what the changes will be because they aren't certain yet.

Also, this expansion of St. Joseph's will mean several new professors will have to be taken on the faculty next year. No final decision has been made as to the number of new teachers to be hired.

400 Coeds To Brighten SJ Campus In September

by Greg Mahoney

"St. Joseph's—A Small College for Men and Women," the college catalogue for the fall semester will read.

With the September enrollment of 400 women students, St. Joe, a men's college since 1889, will go coeducational. Final approval for the admission of women students and the establishment of a coed system was given in a final act of the outgoing College Board of Control at a special meeting on Saturday, March 28.

The announcement of the college's decision by the president on Easter Sunday ended almost six years of debate and research regarding the possibility of making St. Joe coed. As early as 1954, the plan was put forward for consideration, but was turned down at that time and shelved.

In January of this year, the Board of Control reopened debate on the subject. Enough favorable proposals and suggestions were advanced to start "Operation Coed" rolling again in a favorable direction.

The Board of Control held its special meeting three days before the Society of the Precious Blood's Electorial Chapter at St. Joseph's. On this date—Tuesday, March 31—the Society's American Province was to elect a new Provincial and four other new members to its seven man Board. (This issue of **Stuff** went to press on Monday and is unable to report the results of the elections.)

A month before the final vote was taken, St. Joseph's sent out "feelers" to various girls' colleges and high schools in the midwest, outlining the tentative plans for coeducation here. Those girls who were interested were asked to send their applications for admission as soon as possible.

To date, almost 750 applications have been received from high school seniors and those girls wishing to transfer from their present colleges. From this number, only 400 girls will be accepted for admission for the fall semester. Of this 400, 150 will be admitted as freshmen, 125 as sophomores, 75 as juniors and 50 as seniors.

The introduction of coeducation into St. Joe entails various changes in living facilities, curriculum, rules and student government. The details of these changes can be found elsewhere in this special edition of **Stuff**.

Doreen Hansen, Bonnie Stuart, Jane McIntyre and Marilyn Lewis of St. Mary's of Notre Dame claim the distinction of being the first girls to have their applications accepted for entrance into coed St. Joe.

This is the architect's drawing of one of the two new girls' residence halls. Patterned after Gallagher and Halas, the halls will be built between Bennett and Noll.

Utilizing the Easter break to visit their new college, girls from St. Mary's of Notre Dame and Regina high school stroll past Gaspar on their tour of the campus.

It's Christmas in April: Liberal Education Broadens

They said it couldn't be done . . . but it has been.

St. Joseph's college can now be put on the map as a coed campus. News of this event came as quite a surprise to the whole school, but the history-making event has occurred. Now all Pumaville has to do is sit back and wait for the coeds to start prancing their pretty little feet around campus in September.

Such an event will undoubtedly necessitate many adjustments at a school that has been inhabited only by males for 70 years, but these changes will be made with pleasure.

Keeping the event a secret was a difficult task for the administration to perform, but it was accomplished with utmost success. We of the **Stuff** staff wish to express our utmost thanks for a job well done. For many years St. Joseph's students have wanted a coed campus and now, without any previous warning, it has fallen right in our laps.

Our administration has made us the envy of every men's college in the nation. No longer will we have to spend telephone money asking girls to our mixers. Every class will be a mixer in itself.

St. Joseph's students should remember, though, that this situation could have its drawbacks. Grades will inevitably fall unless we look at the situation with a proper attitude and make good use of the time we do have to ourselves.

Next semester will surely be a time of trial. To keep our high quality of studies will be a tough job. Other schools have made this change work to their own advantage. We can do this too with a little extra effort on the part of every student.

School spirit should be at its highest next fall as coeds infiltrate our football stadium and romp around the field in cheerleader outfits. Pumaville's gymnasium will take on color as it never did before during the basketball season. Our Puma mascot will be replaced with a long-haired queen. If these outstanding attractions don't bring more students to the games and a louder roar from the fans, nothing ever will.

Such a change on campus will definitely necessitate a few changes within the columns of the college newspaper, too. We of the staff will do our best to meet the various feminine interests. Beginning in September, **Stuff** will employ a staff of women writers who will cover society, fashions, girls' dodgeball and advice to the lovelorn.

As 900 Pumaville inhabitants sit aghast and wonder what to make of this astounding news, we can only say that the only thing to do is to make the best of it.

This is what we wanted . . . now we've got it. WOW!

What Do You Think?

by Tom Cusick

Since there were no students on campus when the announcement that St. Joe would go coed was released, we decided to ask some of the Rensselaer residents a question for this extra edition. The question we put to them was: "How do you feel about St. Joseph's change to a coed school?" The general consensus seems to be whole-hearted approval of the plan. In fact, many of the local citizens thought the college was long overdue in making the move. To be more specific though here are some of the opinions expressed to this writer:

Mr. Roy Brandenburg, manager of the Palace theatre:

It should be a good thing for all Rensselaer business firms. I'm quite sure that I will prosper a great deal personally in that the number of patrons will undoubtedly show a marked increase. In view of the new type of audience we will be hosting, I am now taking steps to provide more ushers who will insure the good name of the Palace.

Mr. Robert Childs, manager of the Rensselaer branch of Falvey's store for men:

The expanding of the student body of St. Joseph's to include girls will, I am sure, stimulate the business at Falvey's. The fellows will now have a reason for looking their best at all times. Our complete line of collegiate clothing at all price levels will allow the men to fill in the vacant spots in their wardrobe with the finest quality, latest style apparel to be found.

Mr. Clyde Byers, desk manager of the Hoosier Inn:

The lodging business could be facing a two edged sword. Naturally, the enlargement of the student body will mean that more parents will be visiting and thus be in need of a top notch place to stay. On the other hand, the fellows won't be bringing as many girls down from home to attend the various dances that are held during the school year. Also, girls from the other schools won't be needed for mixers. These points could have a great deal of influence on our trade. Only time will tell exactly how we will be affected, I guess.

Mr. Richard Sandiland, owner of the local Sandiland's beauty shop:

This fine move on the part of the college can't help but boost our business. I have already sent a letter to the union requesting more operators to work for me beginning next fall. I think the whole thing is just wonderful.

Mr. Robert Handley, Chief of the Rensselaer police department:

Needless to say, this new situation presents some rather tough problems to the police department. The extent of our problem will rely to a great degree on the rules that are made by the administration of St. Joseph's. I'm not worried too much, though. In the past we have worked in close cooperation with the administration at the college and I have no reason to think this atmosphere will be changed.

Mr. Ralph Fendig, owner of Fendig's drug store:

We are all in favor of the new change at St. Joe's. We feel that the greatest boon to us will be in the increased volume of cosmetics that we will be selling. To suit all the varied tastes, we are planning a rather extensive enlargement of that department in particular.

His Honor, Emil Handley, Mayor of the City of Rensselaer:

Speaking for the people of Rensselaer, I want everyone out at the college to know that we think the addition of women boarding students to St. Joseph's is a wonderful thing. Maybe I should say I'm speaking for all the people of Rensselaer except the local young ladies. Seriously though, this is going to provide a real 'shot-in-the-arm' to the Rensselaer economy. I'd like to extend a big 'congratulations' to St. Joseph's for another move in their distinguished record of advancements.

Various Social Improvements Necessary for Coed College

by Tim J. Sullivan, Jr.

Basically, St. Joe is going to change next semester. Naturally there will be changes in courses, residence halls and in the administration in general. But St. Joe is also going to change socially.

These social changes fall into three general classifications. Namely, these are rules, student government and manners of a majority of the Pumas. These rules will be dictated out of necessity and the governing principle behind them will be necessity.

In an interview with St. Joe's Dean of Men, it was learned that supervision of student hours and cars will be more strict. Classes will remain essentially the same, with no segregation of the sexes being enforced except in certain religion courses.

Nothing has been done in regard to the changes in the student council constitution because no students have been around campus. However, certain things are inevitable. Provisions will have to be made for women to hold offices on the council and changes will have to be made on the Dance committee, with its function becoming that of a social committee and a woman holding at least a co-chairmanship.

Rumor has it that the "Charm" course whch was considered last spring will soon be offered to St. Joe men.

In an unofficial interview with a member of the faculty, it was stated that, "Student manners around here are very greatly in need of improvement. Most of the students would sooner eat with their fingers than the knives and forks provided. And, in matters of dress, this is undoubtedly one of the sloppiest campuses around. Perhaps, with the advent of girls, the old dirty sweatshirts and torn washpants will disappear. I have talked with other professors on campuses that have gone coed after a long period of being either male or female. They have all said that conditions do improve. I certainly hope so!"

4-Women-Staffed Administrative Posts Created

The Office of the President announced that there will be four new administrative posts created in conjunction with the admission of women boarding students. It has also been made known that women will occupy each of these posts.

According to the new plans, a Dean of Women will be appointed to govern the activities of the female students. The duties of this office will be similar to those of our present Dean of Men.

For student activities which concern only the women, the Office of the Coordinator of Student Affairs will be divided.

The newly created department of home economics will be headed by Miss Helen Skinner. This department will be of major importance since it is the only completely new department in the college.

In an effort to popularize the college with prospective women students, an Admissions Counselor concerned only with women will be installed. This will allow her to concentrate on the advantages to women who attend St. Joseph's college.

Mother Loses A Daughter Gains A Coed

Dear Faculty and Student Body of
St. Joseph's,

When my daughter first told me that St. Joseph's was going coeducational and that she wanted to be a part of that first coed class, I was, frankly, very apprehensive. I was wary of letting Kathy be a member of the vanguard of girls who would blaze new trails in St. Joe history.

Would she feel out of place after transferring from an all-girls' school to a college of over 900 men? Would she be distracted from her studies by the social whirl that would be bound to result from the sudden mixing of the sexes on the campus? These were the things that bothered me when I first heard of Kathy's intention to switch from Mundelein to St. Joe in the fall.

But, after reading up on St. Joe and hearing your Director of Admissions talk to my daughter and some of her girl friends last week (and after listening to hours and hours of daughter-to-mother arguments), I'm sure that Kathy and all the other girls who will enter St. Joe will get the best Catholic education possible and that coeducation will develop well-rounded personalities and social consciousnesses on both sides.

Looking forward to seeing the graduation of my daughter from St. Joe in '61, I am respectfully,

Mrs. W. H. Kessler,
Chicago, Ill.

Name Changes In IM, Phy. Ed.

Changes in the athletic and physical education departments will become necessary due to the latest announcements by the school. In the past all programs, both academic and intramural, were fashioned to suit only male students.

Most courses in physical education in the past were divided into both lecture periods and lab periods. With girls on campus desiring some of these courses, it will become necessary to hold two separate lab periods, one for men and one for women. Reasons for this change are self-evident. However, lecture periods will be taken together.

In the intramural program a complete revamping will be necessary. Beginning next September, it will be divided into three programs, strictly male, strictly female, and mixed. The segregated programs will be comprised of sports suitable to the individual sexes, while the mixed program will consist of sports such as table tennis and baseball in which both may participate at once if so desired. All in all, the programs have been designed with the intention of filling the students' needs.

Girls from Marian and St. Francis of Ft. Wayne wait nervously in the auditorium before being led out on a tour of the campus during the Easter vacation.